## **Immigration Reform**

In March 2009, Rep. Israel joined Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers for a ride-along in the Huntington Station community so he could witness firsthand how federal immigration authorities are working with local law enforcement.

In the 111th Congress, Rep. Israel is a co-sponsor of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act (H.R.4321). This legislation includes increased border enforcement, a verficiation system for employers to determine whether their employee is an undocumented worker, stricter penalties for employers that hire undocumented workers and a path to citizenship for those here unlawfully, which includes a fee, criminal background check, and English and civil test requirements.

## **DREAM Act**

In the 111th Congress, Rep. Israel is a co-sponsor of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2009 (H.R.1751), introduced by Rep. Howard Berman.

The DREAM Act allows hard-working students who entered the country before they turned sixteen and have been in the United States for at least five years the opportunity to earn permanent residency if they choose to attend college or serve in the military.

## **United Families**

Current immigration laws prohibit same sex couples who wish to marry from putting their partner on a path to citizenship.

Rep. Israel supports the United American Families Act (H.R.1024), which changes the law so that same sex permanent partners are treated like married spouses for the purposes of immigration.

## **Constituent Services**

If you need help with an immigration issue, please <u>click here</u> for more information on constituent services.